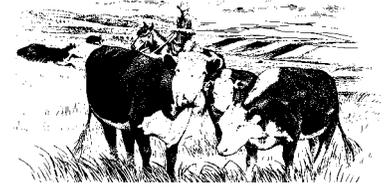


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U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ head capacity feedlots totaled 11.7 million head on December 1, 2005. The inventory was 3 percent above both December 1, 2004 and December 1, 2003.

Placements in feedlots during November totaled 2.05 million, 17 percent above 2004 and 6 percent above 2003. Net placements were 1.95 million. During November, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 660 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 650 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 420 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 315 thousand.

Marketings of fed cattle during November totaled 1.70 million, 4 percent above 2004 and 11 percent above 2003.

Other disappearance totaled 91.0 thousand during November, 16 percent below 2004 and 6 percent below 2003.

CATTLE ON FEED IN CALIFORNIA

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 550 thousand head on December 1, 2005, 1 percent above the previous month and 4 percent above December 2004. During November, placements of 66.0 thousand head remained the same as the previous year. Marketings of 53.0 thousand head were unchanged from November of 2004. Other disappearance totaled 8.00 thousand head.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SELECTED STATES AND UNITED STATES

State	Number On Feed November 1 ^{1/}			Placed During November		Marketed During November	
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousand Head						
Arizona ^{2/}	321	323	101	35	35	23	29
California	525	545	104	66	66	53	53
Colorado	1,090	1,030	94	175	165	155	115
Idaho	305	290	95	50	49	48	57
Iowa	430	475	110	90	108	82	80
Kansas	2,400	2,410	100	390	465	370	375
Nebraska	2,210	2,280	103	410	440	310	305
New Mexico	134	141	105	14	18	16	20
Oklahoma	360	360	100	43	68	44	62
South Dakota	169	161	95	51	63	33	33
Texas	2,880	2,970	103	320	495	430	510
Washington	185	163	88	37	27	36	28
Other States	325	325	100	62	46	35	34
UNITED STATES ^{2/}	11,334	11,473	101	1,743	2,045	1,635	1,701

State	Other Disappearance During November ^{3/}		Number On Feed December 1 ^{1/}		2005/2004
	2004	2005	2004	2005	
	Thousand Head				Percent
Arizona	4	1	329	328	100
California	8	8	530	550	104
Colorado	10	10	1,100	1,070	97
Idaho	2	2	305	280	92
Iowa	3	3	435	500	115
Kansas	30	30	2,390	2,470	103
Nebraska	10	15	2,300	2,400	104
New Mexico	3	2	129	137	106
Oklahoma	4	1	355	365	103
South Dakota	1	1	186	190	102
Texas	30	15	2,740	2,940	107
Washington	1	1	185	161	87
Other States	2	2	350	335	96
UNITED STATES	108	91	11,334	11,726	103

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals that are fed grain or other concentrates before going to the slaughter market and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade at select or better.

^{2/} Revised "November on Feed November 1" for 2005.

^{3/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during November 2005 totaled 129.9 million pounds (dressed weight), 7 percent above the previous month and 7 percent above November 2004. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In November 2005, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,360 pounds; calves 167 pounds; and hogs 244 pounds.

January to November 2005 commercial red meat production was 41.8 billion pounds, up 1 percent from 2004. Accumulated beef production was up 1 percent from last year, veal was down 6 percent, pork was up 1 percent, and lamb and mutton production was down 4 percent.

November 2004 and 2005 both contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and four Saturdays.

**U.S. PORK PRODUCTION
AT RECORD HIGH FOR NOVEMBER**

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.94 billion pounds in November, up 5 percent from the 3.77 billion pounds produced in November 2004.

Beef production, at 2.07 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.67 million head, up 5 percent from November 2004. The average live weight was 1,284 pounds, up 16 pounds from the previous year.

Veal production totaled 12.4 million pounds, 10 percent below November a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 56.3 thousand head, down 17 percent from November 2004. The average live weight, at 365 pounds, was 29 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.13 million head, 2 percent above November 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 272 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.8 million pounds, was down 4 percent from November 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 224.5 thousand head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 141 pounds, up 5 pounds from November a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, NOVEMBER 2004-05 a/

Species and Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	111.4	120.7	149,583	164,160	1,343	1,360
U.S. Total	2,542.3	2,667.5	3,224,586	3,426,084	1,268	1,284
CALVES						
California	8.4	5.9	1,187	990	141	167
U.S. Total	67.9	56.3	22,809	20,562	336	365
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S. Total	242.0	224.5	32,914	31,556	136	141
HOGS						
California	210.1	223.8	52,392	54,705	249	244
U.S. Total	8,972.8	9,132.3	2,421,568	2,483,610	270	272
RED MEAT	November 2004	October 2005	November 2005	Nov. 05 Nov. 04	Nov. 05 Oct. 05	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	121.7	121.9	129.9	107	107	
U.S. Total	3,770.1	3,925.1	3,942.3	105	100	

a/ Farm slaughter excluded.

FEDERALLY INSPECTED SLAUGHTER BY REGIONS AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY - NOVEMBER 2005 *

Standard Federal Regions 1/	Cattle							Calves Total
	Total 2/	Steers	Heifers	All Cows	Dairy Cows	Other Cows	Bulls & Stags	
	1,000 Head							
1	10.1	4.1	1.9	---	---	---	---	4.9
2	56.4	18.1	3.0	31.9	30.2	1.7	3.5	167.0
3	800.6	347.6		363.1	293.3	69.8		141.7
4	612.5	11.1	3.2	514.7	114.1	400.6	83.4	
5	3,034.3	1,299.6	386.4	1,268.0	671.6	596.3	80.4	247.5
6	5,726.3	3,130.4	1,840.8	645.3	133.4	511.9	109.8	7.5
7	13,690.0	7,869.8	5,230.4	510.1	32.2	477.9	79.7	0.3
8	2,556.4	1,349.1	---	---	---	---	---	---
9	1,659.3	837.3	74.8	710.6	625.9	84.7	36.6	78.3
10	1,066.5	578.1	297.2	171.6	105.8	65.8	19.5	---
U.S. 2/	29,212.5	15,445.1	8,960.7	4,345.6	2,052.5	2,293.2	461.0	658.7
	Hogs				Sheep			
	Total 2/	Barrows & Gilts	Sows	Stags & Boars	Total 2/	Mature Sheep	Lambs & Yearlings	
	1,000 Head							
1	14.8	14.3	0.3	0.2	---	---	---	
2	129.2	126.1	1.7	1.4	128.7	16.1	112.6	
3	5,690.6	5,675.9	14.3	0.4	94.6	5.5	89.2	
4	14,995.3	14,137.7	841.1	16.6	32.8	13.3	19.6	
5	24,699.9	23,514.2	1,156.7	29.0	343.0	51.1	291.9	
6	4,969.7	4,736.3	232.4	1.0	42.1	1.0	41.2	
7	35,766.5	35,011.9	---	---	384.6	3.1	381.5	
8	4,484.3	4,431.7	52.5	0.1	961.8	19.2	942.6	
9	2,292.6	2,291.6	---	---	---	---	---	
10	327.8	326.8	0.8	0.1	18.9	1.2	17.7	
U.S. 2/	93,370.7	90,266.4	2,848.2	256.0	2,335.6	118.7	2,216.9	

* Accumulated totals based on unrounded data.

1/ States included in regions are as follows: 1--CT, ME, NH, VT, MA & RI; 2--NY & NJ; 3--DE-MD, PA, WV & VA; 4--AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC & TN; 5--IL, IN, MI, MN, OH & WI; 6--AR, LA, NM, OK & TX; 7--IA, KS, MO & NE; 8--CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY; 9--AZ, CA, HI & NV; 10--AK, ID, OR & WA.

2/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		November 2004	October 2005	Nov. 15, 2005	November 2004	October 2005	Nov. 15, 2005
Dollars							
Hay, All Baled 2/	Ton	117.00	132.00	135.00	88.70	97.70	91.70
Hay, Alfalfa Baled 2/	Ton	122.00	139.00	142.00	95.20	106.00	97.50
Hogs 2/ 3/	Cwt.	---	---	---	55.60	47.00	44.70
Cows 2/	Cwt.	44.60	43.80	41.80	48.70	46.60	45.80
Steers and Heifers 2/	Cwt.	88.80	92.10	93.20	90.20	96.60	97.40
Calves 2/	Cwt.	120.00	121.00	119.00	123.00	134.00	132.00
Sheep 2/	Cwt.	36.50	36.50	---	---	41.40	43.70
Lambs 2/	Cwt.	86.50	93.50	---	---	99.90	108.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	---	1,950.00	---	---	1,870.00	---
Milk, All Wholesale 2/	Cwt.	15.18	14.13	13.40	16.20	15.50	15.10

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Prices include barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

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